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#### TOPSoccer in Bowling Green

About FMD Parent Page
This publication is for parents
and guardians of Elementary
Students served in FMD
Classrooms. The information
and opinions included are not
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by the Schools.

This publication is by parents for parents and will be published at various times during the school year. TOPSoccer exists to provide soccer opportunities for young athletes with physical and/or mental disabilities. This a time for these young athletes to have fun with players of similar abilities. TOPSoccer is for players ages six through high school.

No prior soccer experience is necessary. Players will have a "buddy" for each game. Join us for some fun-filled games of soccer. We are currently planning three Saturdays of games to be played in late September/early October. Games will be played at Lovers Lane Soccer Complex in Bowling Green.

Cost: \$10

The registration forms can be requested by emailing or calling Gail Hiles at WKU.



TOPS occer is new to Bowling Green for 2007

Email gail.hiles@wku.edu OR 270-846-1683

Can't wait to see you on the soccer field!

#### First Quarter Checklist:

- Ask FMD teacher about student's daily schedule
- Check that all IEP objectives are being worked on within the schedule
- Ask FMD teacher how you can help from home-"what can I practice with my child at home?"
- Make contact with the regular education teacher to see how tings are going in the classroom

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### Great Online Resource for Parents

From the Editor, Stacey Rose

Part of the challenge of having a child that has many ,and often, complicated needs is that there are not a lot of children like ours. Most of our children even have a different set of skills and abilities from the other children in the FMD classroom. But what our kids do have in common is they need a lot of care and

energy from their parents, teachers, assistants, and caregivers. That's what keeps us young! At least that's what I hope is happening?!

I don't often see things that would help me parent my special needs child in Wal-Mart. That's why I was happy to find

**MyPreciousKid.com**. This website has all

kinds of stuff I can use!

I was excited to find temporary tattoos I can put my cell number on that alert others my child is autistic and would need help finding me if they are lost. I plan on using them at theme parks and other large events in case she does get away from us.

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# New Beginnings Therapeutic Riding

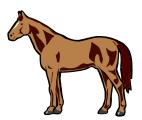
New Beginnings Therapeutic Riding is a program that dedicated to serving individuals with disabilities and strives to enhance their lives using the power of horses. The goals of the program are to strengthen the minds, bodies, and souls of individuals with disabilities by providing a recreational outlet that has therapeutic benefits. The responsibility of riding and caring for a horse will encourage self-esteem, confidence, and coordination. The aim of

the program is to see positive changes in the riders both spiritually and physically.

New Beginnings is on Matlock Old Union Road in Warren County. They are hosting a Rider Exhibition October 30 at the WKU Ag Expo at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited out to see what the kids learn in this unique program. For more information about your child participating in the next riding season or how you can help

check out the New Beginnings website at:

www.nbtr-bg.org or call 270-782-6496 or email newbeginningstrc@hotmail.com



New Beginnings Therapeutic Riding uses horses to help kids.

## VSA Arts of Kentucky

The Side by Side program offered by VSA arts of Kentucky is providing free art classes for students with disabilities at the Kentucky Museum in September and October. Teaching artist Delare Rowe will facilitate the classes. Each class will have art activities, like drawing, painting, printing, mixed media, sculpture and crafts. The

students are then paired with a local artist to create a collaborative work of art and will be displayed in a final exhibition at the Kentucky Museum from January 27 to March 30.

Classes are Saturdays, September 8 thru October 27, 2007. For more information on VSA Arts of Ky, go to

www.vsartsky.org Call Rowe for registration at 782-7941 or 781-0872 or email vsakygallery@bellsouth.net

"VSA enables student artists to explore the creative process in a group setting as well as individual art instruction."

#### Ideas?

Do you have information that needs to be included in the FMD Parent Page? I would

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issue. Just email me:

#### About the Editor

Stacey Rose has lived in Bowling Green for 21 years and is married with three girls. Her 9 year old, Annalee, is a special needs child. She attends Natcher Elementary. Stacey would love to get FMD parents together to increase Special Olympics participation.

Where are the Warren County **Elementary FMD Classrooms?** 

Bristow Elementary

Cumberland Trace Elementary

Lost River Elementary

W.H.Natcher Elementary